and some members of your community and that committee will be asked to consider your requirements and report. You should form Co-operative Societies. They will be given financial help and with that help you may put up buildings. If the committee will send up proposals, Government will consider what can be done. Government are willing to spend money on your behalf, but you say that you are not benefited by it. Government will, therefore, try this method of giving a committee.

You say that most of the *puduval* lands in the lists hung up in the taluk offices are not available for registry, that against all good lands, remarks that they should be reserved for other people or for other purposes have been written and that these remarks are unfounded. The lists may not be complete or correct. Tahsildars must go to the various places and see if the lists are correct. If there is any error in the lists, you must complain to the Tahsildars and to higher authorities. I will issue orders that Tahsildars should personally see to these things.

Teaching grants cannot be raised. If I raise them in your case, it will have to be done for all others. That would not be practicable. As regards reducing the number of students from 25 to 15, the Director of Public Instruction will be consulted.

As regards scholarships, we have allotted a sum of Rs. 6,000 this year for poor boys' scholarships. Individual cases cannot be taken and gone into by Government. You will have to ask the departmental authorities and seek redress.

As regards drink being prohibited in the case of minors, the Excise Commissioner will be asked for specific proposals, and the Government will consider them when received.

145. Government help for the uplift of the Paraya community.

Mr. Kantan Kumaran (Member, Nominated) urged the necessity of assigning lands to Parayas who were scattered all over the country. He made the following requests:

1. An extent of 66 acres and 74 cents of land in the Kurichi *pakuthi*, Changanachery taluk, for which the members of his community had applied, should be assigned in their names without auction.

2. Similarly, the lands which had been applied for by them in the *pakuthies* of Tiruvalla and Eraviperur in the Tiruvella taluk and Palamel, Nuranadu, Tamarakulam, Bharanikavu, and Vallikunnam in the Mavelikara taluk should be ordered to be registered in their names without auction.

3. The swampy lands at present included within Forest reserves in the *pakuthies* of Manimala in the Peermade taluk, Ezhumattur in Tiruvalla taluk, Ranni in Pattanamtitta, Punalur, Erur in Pattanapuram and Kummil in Kottarakara should also be registered in the names of members of his community.

4. The lands comprised in S. No. 597/1-14 in Edamalakkal *pakuthi*, Pattanapuram taluk, and S. No. 397 in the Talakulam *pakuthi*, Kalkulam taluk, should be registered in the names of the Parayas who had applied for the same.

Dewan's reply.—These are all local complaints and they should be dealt with by the local Peishkar.

I have issued orders for the registry of 60 and odd acres of land in the Kurichi village as house-sites to Sambavars.

146. Necessity for a racial analysis of the so-called Christian community for the purpose of State patronage.

Mr. N. J. Joseph (Member, Nominated) stated that, according to the census of 1921, the strength of the Christians in the State came to a little more than one fourth of the total population, and that the so-called Christian community was not a single homogeneous racial body, but a hetrogenous religious body consisting of the Cheramar, Sambavar, Siddhanar, Vedar, Aiyanavar, Syrian, Vellalar, Pallar, Ezhava, Sakravar and Nadar communities. The two marks of racial and communal unity, *viz.*, intermarriage and interdining were, as a rule, absent in the so-called Christian community. Christianity, which after all was only a religion like Hinduism, should not

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